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LOK SABHA

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LPG SAFETY ASPECTS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG companies are not providing adequate training for rural users of LPG on the safety aspects ;

(b) If so, the number of explosions caused by LPG cylinders in the country during the last three years ; (

(c) whether any efforts have been made to make these cylinders more safe ;

(d) if so, the new technology to be adopted in the cylinders to made them more safe ; and

(e) The extent to which LPG companies compensate the users who met with an accident from the use of LPG cylinders ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies and their LPG distributors are regularly conducting LPG safety clinics for the benefit of the LPG consumers. During LPG safety clinics and other such allied programmes, the various aspects of safety are explained to the customers. In addition to this, LPG distributors are also under instruction to explain/demonstrate the method of using LPG to the new customers at the time of release of new LPG connections.

(b) : Oil Marketing Companies have reported the number of accidents involving LPG cylinders during the last two year and April to December, 2000 as under :-

Year	No. of accidents
1998-99	53
1999-2000	77
April to December,2000	68

(c) and (d) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies are procuring cylinders from the approved cylinder manufacturers having the statutory clearances from CCOE and BIS.Oil Industry technical teams also carry out inspection of cylinder manufacturing units periodically to ascertain the quality stipulations.

(e) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have taken insurance policies on industry basis called `No Fault Liability Insurance Scheme` in the interest of the customers / transporters. This policy covers legal liability and personal accident cover for third party covering all domestic consumers, distributors and transporters engaged in transportation of LPG cylinders.